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Posting #15

This posting period begins July 12, 2017. Please note that the deadline for submission of applications may vary by position.

#	PN	TITLE	LOCATION	PM
1	HCFS-LD (Fall 2017 Class)	Health Care Facilities Surveyor - Entry (LTC), Licensed Dietician	Columbus	RLH
2	HCFS-RN (Fall 2017 Class)	Health Care Facilities Surveyor - Entry (LTC), RN	Columbus	RLH
3	HCFS-RN Southwest ((Fall 2017 Class)	Health Care Facilities Surveyor - Entry (LTC), RN Southwest	Columbus	RLH
4	HCFS-SW (Fall 2017 Class)	Health Care Facilities Surveyor - Entry (LTC), Licensed Social Worker	Columbus	RLH
5	20013591	Infectious Disease Control Consultant	Columbus	MSS
6	20013600	Physician Administrator 2	Columbus	KPK
7	20013658	Epidemiology Investigator 3	Columbus	MSS
8	20014375	Software Development Specialist 3	Columbus	GDH
9	20014393	Software Development Specialist 2	Columbus	GDH
10	20014401	Software Development Specialist 3	Columbus	GDH
11	20014526	Physician Administrator 3 (State Medical Director)	Columbus	KPK
12	20014855	Administrative Professional 4	Columbus	GDH

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Cancer and Related News
Week of July 17, 2017



**Comprehensive
Cancer Control**

Collaborating to Conquer Cancer

Research/Tools/Announcements



Eleven State Teams Develop Colorectal Cancer Screening Plans at 80% by 2018 Forum II

CDC hosted the second 80% by 2018 Forum: *Increasing Colorectal Cancer Screening Rates Through Enhanced Partnerships between Comprehensive Cancer Control Coalitions and Federally Qualified Health Centers* on July 18-19 in Atlanta GA.



Nearly 100 participants, presenters, trainers, facilitators, and subject matter experts attended this 1 ½ day training.

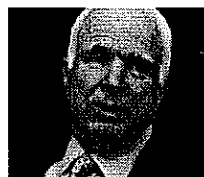
Eleven teams were selected; Idaho, Missouri, Arkansas, District of Columbia, Hawaii, Indiana, New Jersey, North Carolina, Puerto Rico, and Rhode Island.

State teams created action plans focusing on evidence-based strategies such as building and sustaining partner/stakeholders (local roundtables, coalition workgroups), enhancing patient navigation

systems, provider feedback and assessment, and a number of communication strategies.

Follow-up technical assistance will be provided to help teams finalize and implement their action plans. The 80% by 2018 Forum III will be held September 6-7 with another group of 11 state teams. The Forums are a collaboration with CDC, National Cancer Institute, American Cancer Society, Health Resources and Services Administration, National Association of Community Health Centers, National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable, and the National Association of Chronic Disease Directors.

For more information on the 80% by 2018 initiative, go to: <http://nccrt.org/tools/80-percent-by-2018/>



Senator John McCain Diagnosed with Brain Cancer

Senator John McCain has been diagnosed with the aggressive brain cancer glioblastoma. Last week, he underwent surgery to remove a blood clot above his left eye. A subsequent pathology report of that tissue found that it was cancerous.

"The Senator and his family are reviewing further treatment options with his Mayo Clinic care team," his office said in a written statement.

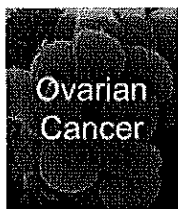
Glioblastoma is the most common form of brain cancer, making up 16 percent of all brain malignancies. It is rare, striking some three people out of 100,000 in the U.S. McCain has had multiple cases of melanoma, a skin cancer, that have been removed surgically according to health records he made public during his 2008 presidential bid. However McCain's glioblastoma is a primary tumor, doctors said in the note issued by his office, meaning that it arose independently of those previous bouts of cancer.

New Fact Sheet on U.S. Cancer Statistics Available

A new [fact sheet \(PDF\)](#) on the United States Cancer Statistics has been posted along with the release of the 1999-2014 data set. Information on the sheet includes an overview of the most recent data and the new [Data Visualizations tool](#), which shows the data in graph and chart formats.

Webinars

- Thursday, July 27 1:00 pm ET
The Links of Care Update webinar on Thursday, July 27 at 1:00 pm ET will feature an overview of the Links of Care pilot projects, which engage medical communities in helping uninsured and underinsured people get colorectal cancer screening.
- Tuesday, August 3 3:00 pm ET
During "Reducing Breast Cancer Disparities at the State Level: Successes and Lessons Learned from the ASTHO Breast Cancer Learning Community," teams from three states will present lessons learned in addressing racial disparities in breast cancer. DCPC partnered with the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials to sponsor the event. Register here.
- Wednesday, September 20 12:00 pm ET
Young and Strong Webcast Series will feature "Integrative Therapies and Breast Cancer." Jennifer Ligibel MD Will review therapies including acupuncture, message, Reiki, meditation, as well as exercise and nutrition consultation.
Online registration is now open, register at <https://tinyurl.com/ybr2vms6>
- **Replay of NCCRT Webinar** – "How to Evaluate Activities to Increase CRC Screening and Awareness: Evaluation Toolkit"
In case you missed it, access a replay of the June 27 webinar on our updated How to Evaluate Activities to Increase CRC Screening and Awareness: Evaluation Toolkit here: <https://youtu.be/7uoWg1rl xM>
As a reminder, all NCCRT webinars are archived and can be accessed here.



USPSTF Stays Course on Ovarian Cancer Screening

Reprinted from *MedPage Today*, July 18, 2017

Clinicians should not screen for ovarian cancer in women who have no signs or symptoms of the disease, according to a draft recommendation from the United States Preventive Services Task Force.

The Grade D recommendation, available for public comment until Aug. 14, reaffirms a 2012 USPSTF recommendation against ovarian cancer screening for asymptomatic women.

The recommendation does not apply to women who are known carriers of *BRCA1/2* mutations, which increase the risk of developing ovarian cancer.

No major medical organization recommends screening the general population of women for ovarian cancer, USPSTF officials said in a statement.

"The task force found that screening women without signs or symptoms for ovarian cancer does not decrease the number of deaths from the disease and may lead to unnecessary surgeries," said task force member Maureen Phipps, MD, of Brown University in Providence, R.I.

"The current screening tests do not do a good job identifying whether a woman does or does not have ovarian cancer," added USPSTF chair David Grossman, MD, of Group Health and the University of Washington in Seattle.

"The Task Force hopes that in the future, better screening tests for ovarian cancer will be developed."

The draft recommendation and the evidence review supporting the recommendation have been posted to the USPSTF website.

Individuals or groups may submit public comments about either document through the website.

Following the public comment period, the USPSTF will review the comments and make revisions, if any are deemed necessary, before releasing a final recommendation, which will be posted to the task force website and published in a major medical journal.

Cancer Prevention and Control

Click on links below to access latest media releases:

Breast Cancer

- 7/19/17 [Some women may benefit from delaying breast reconstruction following mastectomy](#)
- 7/19/17 [Why do BRCA1 mutations cause predominantly breast and ovarian cancer?](#)
- 7/18/17 [FDA approves new treatment to reduce the risk of breast cancer returning](#)

Prostate Cancer

- 7/18/17 [Little Evidence That Vasectomy Raises Prostate Cancer Risk](#)

Survivorship

- 7/19/17 [Social interaction affects cancer patients' response to treatment](#)

General Cancer Research/News

- 7/19/17 [Combining CAR T cells with existing immunotherapies may overcome resistance in glioblastomas](#)
- 7/19/17 [Is cancer just a question of 'bad luck'?](#)
- 7/19/17 [Doctors' group offers ideas for easing cancer costs](#)
- 7/19/17 [Definitive genomic study reveals alterations driving most medulloblastoma brain tumors](#)
- 7/19/17 [Discovery could lead to better results for patients undergoing radiation](#)
- 7/19/17 [Distress screening tied to fewer ER visits for cancer patients](#)
- 7/19/17 [What makes cancer gene therapy so groundbreaking?](#)
- 7/18/17 [Two-Drug Combination Approved for Lung Cancers with BRAF Mutations](#)
- 7/18/17 [Partnering cells turn off immune attack on pancreatic tumors](#)

Tobacco Prevention and Control

- 7/19/17 [Very low rate of early use of prescription smoking cessation medications among older patients after heart attack](#)
- 7/19/17 [Global anti-smoking measures quadruple since 2007: WHO report](#)

Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Obesity

- 7/19/17 [Are sugary drink interventions changing people's behavior?](#)
- 7/19/17 [Obese patients don't need to lose weight before total joint replacement, study finds](#)
- 7/19/17 [Gaining a few pounds may increase long-term heart failure risk](#)

Diabetes Prevention and Control

- 7/19/17 [Diabetes or its precursor affects 100 million Americans](#)
- 7/18/17 [Early menopause is independently linked to an increased risk of developing type 2 diabetes](#)

Other News of Interest

- 7/19/17 [Blood test identifies key Alzheimer's marker](#)
- 7/19/17 [New animal models for hepatitis C could pave the way for a vaccine](#)

National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (NCCDPHP)

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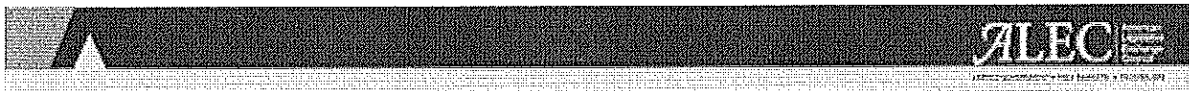
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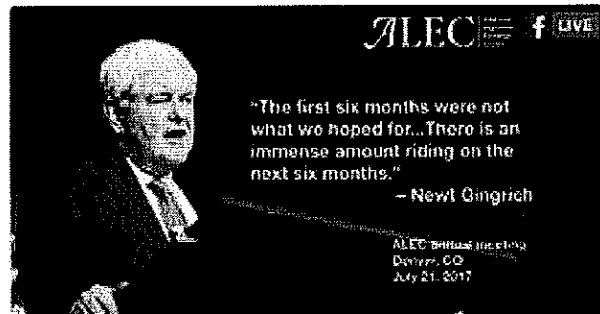
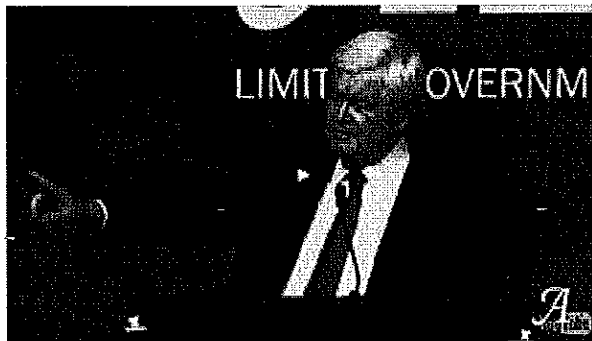
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ALEC Annual Meeting Highlights

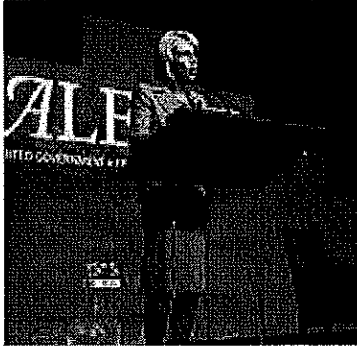
Three Cabinet Secretaries Setting Their Sights on the States

Education Secretary: Betsy DeVos | Labor Secretary: Alex Acosta | Interior Secretary: Ryan Zinke

Ed. Secretary Betsy DeVos

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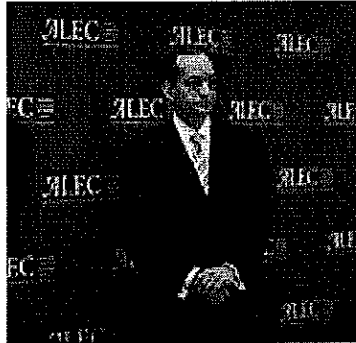


Ed. Secretary DeVos spoke to ALEC members about the importance of camps free speech and returning choice back to the states. [Click here](#) for front page, Denver Post Coverage.

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Labor Sec. Alex Acosta

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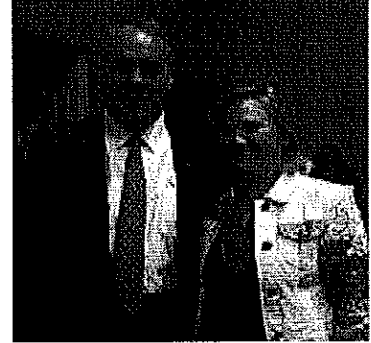


Labor Secretary Alex Acosta, joined us in Denver - talking jobs and workforce development, Sec. Acosta offered a clear path to decreasing excessive occupational licensing for a stronger American workforce.

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Interior Sec. Ryan Zinke

[Click here to see the highlights on Twitter](#)



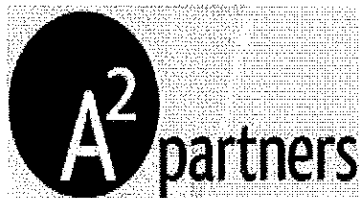
Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke joined ALEC in Denver. Not on horseback unfortunately, to discuss how we can conserve public lands and reminding our legislators to "never forget where you come from and who you represent".

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Annual Meeting Resources

Take Your Training Home - Click Below For a Copy of the Training Session Presentations

A2 Partners - Quorum - Jean Card Ink - District Media Group - Quorum

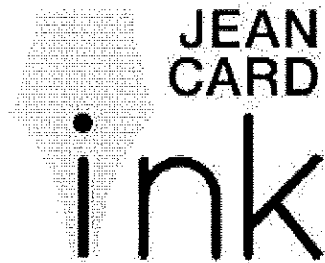


A2partners provided techniques and tools they have used to win campaigns and influence policy through effective advocacy and education efforts throughout the U.S. and around the world. Click below to grab A2partner's training session materials.



In this political landscape, legislators must seize the opportunity to engage on new platforms to share their message and legislative agenda through social media. Click below to grab Quorum's training session materials.

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Writer and communications specialist Jean Card covered constructive constituent communications and public speaking in an interactive training session. Click below to learn new skills and gain a fresh perspective on how to keep constituents and other key audiences engaged.

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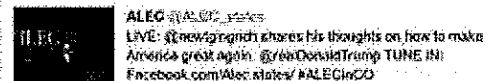
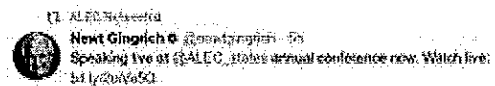
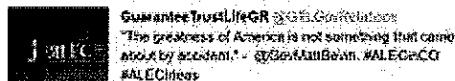
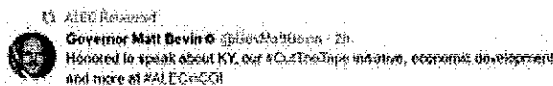
Media training focuses on the verbal, vocal and visual components of strong interviews. What you say and how you say it is critical to making sure your interview strikes a nerve and resonates with audiences. District Media Group teaches best practices for every media scenario. Click below for media tips.

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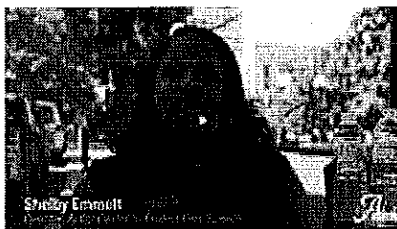
Click below to watch President Ronald Reagan speak to members of the American Legislative Exchange Council upon receiving the Thomas Jefferson Award.

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ALEC In The News

ALEC Center to Protect Free Speech Supports Protesters in Denver

Shelby Emmett | Center to Protect Free Speech | A Sarah Wood Production



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Despite disagreements, the ALEC Center to Protect Free Speech was proud to support the First Amendment rights of the protesters at our Annual Meeting in Denver, CO.

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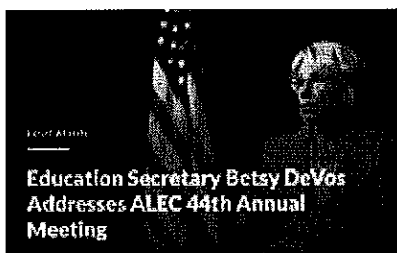


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ALEC In Denver

Education Secretary Betsy DeVos Addresses ALEC 44th Annual Meeting

Betsy DeVos | Education | 44th Annual Meeting



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Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos talks education reform and bringing choice back to the states at the 44th Annual Meeting in Denver, Colorado.

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ALEC in the States

Generations of Opportunity: Right to Work

Kansas | Right to Work



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Click below to see how policies that promote worker's rights, like Right to Work are transforming states across the nation.

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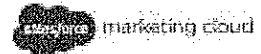


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Welcome To OCMH'S News You Can Use for Monday, July 31, 2017!!!

The Ohio Commission on Minority Health's fiscal
years 2018/2019 HUB model
expansion and replication grant, round 5, re-
release funding opportunity
is now open.

The Ohio Commission on Minority Health
announces round five of availability of funds for
fiscal years 2018/2019 to newly certified
HUB expansion grants. This is a competitive-bid
process. This funding will allow for the expansion
of newly certified pathways
community HUBs to address infant mortality.

Please click [HERE](#) to access the RFP.

**Check the Commission's website on August 7th For
the Second round of the 2018 Minority Health Month
RFP!!**

*Cancer and Related
News "See attachment"*

**HANNAH NEWS UPDATE: House Overrides 11 Budget Vetoes But Leaves
Medicaid Expansion Question Pending**

This morning, the House of Representatives overrode 11 of the governor's 47 budget vetoes, seven of which addressed various aspects of the Medicaid program. However, the veto of the freeze on Medicaid expansion has been left pending. See Thursday's *Hannah Report* for more details.

Maternal and Child Health Block Grant Public Comment Survey

The Federal Title V Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Program is the nation's oldest federal-state partnership aimed at promoting and improving the health, safety, and wellbeing of MCH populations. The MCH Block Grant provides a foundation for funding services to ensure the health of Ohio's mothers, women, children and youth, including children and youth with special health care needs, and their families.

The Ohio Department of Health, Office of Health Improvement and Wellness (OHIW), Bureau of Maternal, Child and Family Health, is charged with administering the Title V MCH Block Grant Program in Ohio. Part of that charge involves soliciting feedback annually regarding the strategies, objectives, activities and performance measures used to address the most critical needs for MCH populations across Ohio. We are currently in the second year of a 5-year cycle. The strategies submitted in this year's Block Grant application are the basis for our work

over the 5-year period. We invite and encourage you to take the survey and share your comments with us.

Click here <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BlockGrantSurvey> to access the survey. This survey is open for a 30 day public comment period.

Please share this information with your staff and stakeholders (local organizations, advisory groups, sub grantees, consumer groups, etc.) across the state. We ask that you let us know who you have forwarded this announcement to so we can track our outreach.

Attend HPIO's forum "Linking health and wealth: How economic vitality can lead to healthier Ohioans"

In order to be healthy, we all need the opportunity to earn a sufficient income and live in affordable, safe neighborhoods. As health care providers, insurers and health departments increasingly are held accountable for improving population health, addressing poverty and fostering economic vitality becomes even more important. Policymakers often cite the state's economic climate, however opinions on how to best accomplish this goal vary.

This forum explores state policy options to improve health outcomes and health equity by increasing economic development, labor force participation and income mobility.

Speakers include:

- * **Anjum Hajar**, University of Washington School of Public Health
- * **David Norris**, Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity
- * **David Lipsetz**, Housing Assistance Council
- * **Hannah Halbert**, Policy Matters Ohio
- * **Rea Hederman**, The Buckeye Institute
- * And more to be announced!

Lunch will be served (vegetarian options available) Registration begins at 9:00 with program starting at 9:30. A general attendance fee is \$65

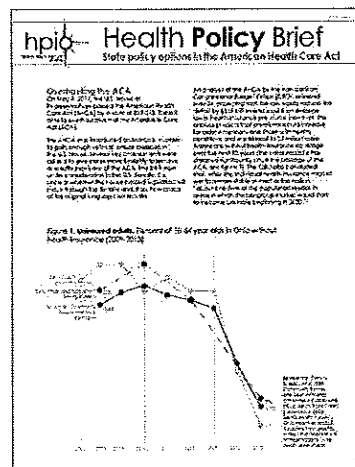
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HPIO has a limited number of PARTIAL scholarships available on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, please contact Hailey Akah at hakah@hpio.net.

HPIO brief explores American Health Care Act decisions for states

The Health Policy Institute of Ohio has released its latest policy brief, "**State policy options in the American Health Care Act.**"

Last month, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the American Health Care Act, a bill aimed at overhauling much of the Affordable Care Act. Although the AHCA is sometimes referred to as a bill to "repeal and replace" the ACA, it leaves many of the decisions to alter the 2010 health reform law in the hands of states.



Given the considerable flexibility in the AHCA for states, Ohio policymakers will have additional policy options available to them if the current bill is signed into law. The new HPIO publication highlights some of the areas in which Ohio policymakers will encounter new decision points.

In addition, the publication estimates changes to 2017 individual marketplace premiums had ACHA provisions been in place during the most-recent open enrollment period. **County profiles** with estimated premiums for various ages and incomes, as well as county-level marketplace enrollment data, are posted for a number of Ohio counties.

Region 7

Weekly Updates July 21, 2017



Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, Region VII (MO, IA, KS, and NE)

Region VII Weekly Update ~ July 21, 2017

Healthy People 2020 Health Disparities Data Widget

The Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (ODPHP) and the Office of Minority Health (OMH) are pleased to announce the release of a new [HealthyPeople.gov](https://www.healthypeople.gov) data search function. The Health Disparities widget is a new way for you to access this health disparities information.

The new widget provides an easy way to find health disparities data related to the Healthy People 2020 objectives for the Leading Health Indicators (LHIs). LHIs are critical health issues that when addressed will help reduce the leading causes of death and preventable illnesses.

It's easy to embed the widget on your site and give your stakeholders easy access to the latest available disparities data. Once you've added the widget, there's no technical maintenance required. The content will update automatically with the latest available data.

The widget provides charts and graphs of disparities data at your fingertips. Use the widget to browse data by:

- Disparity type—including disability, education, income, location, race and ethnicity, and sex)
- Leading Health Indicator

Explore, use and share the widget to help inform issues related to health equity.

Are you hosting an event or want to inform people about your agency's program? If so, please forward information (including date, time, brief narrative, along with a contact person for inclusion within the weekly updates to Janet Greene (Janet.Greene@hhs.gov) or Corstella Henley (Corstella.Henley@hhs.gov) for review and consideration.

Upcoming Events and Trainings

Register Here: <https://tinyurl.com/y8g2uepx>

The Southeastern Health Equity Council (SHEC) released its Cultural Competency Resource Guide in fall 2015. This guide includes resources, trainers' information, institutions, and publications about cultural and linguistic competency that can be shared with the 10 regional health equity councils (RHECs), stakeholders, and partners to help address cultural barriers within healthcare systems. Additionally, this guide includes important terms for SHEC members to become familiar with as the council develops a common language around cultural competency.

To follow up on the release of the Cultural Competency Resource Guide, the SHEC is hosting a series of webinars in various regions of the country. The webinars include speakers from organizations focused on cultural competency. This webinar will discuss the overrepresentation of individuals with serious mental illness in the criminal justice system; the myriad economic, social, and cultural factors contributing to this reality; and program, practice and policy strategies that may prevent criminal justice involvement and strengthen community-based treatment and care. Upon completion of this webinar, participants will be able to accomplish the following from the specific organizational perspective:

1. Understand how the criminal justice system became the largest provider of mental and behavioral health services in the US and why such a model is unsustainable
2. Understand the need for and implications of regulations, standards, policy, and law in protecting the public's mental health at the national and local level
3. Understand the roles of diverse stakeholders in effective decision-making as it relates to corrections and reentry

**July 31st - Mountain States RHEC's Native American Cultural Competency Webinar
Series: Cultural Needs Assessments for Health for Providers Working with Tribal
Communities**

The Mountain States Regional Health Equity Council (RHEC) aims to end health disparities in Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming. One of its main priorities is to provide education and awareness of cultural and linguistic competency within the region. The RHEC is hosting a webinar training series on the history of tribes and treaties, utilization of Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services standards (National CLAS Standards) and cultural sensitivity when working with tribal communities, and the impact of cultural needs

assessments. Upon completion of this webinar, the participants will be able to do the following from the specific tribal perspective:

- Describe the diversity of existing health care in Indian Country and explain the wide and varying differences in tribal health perspectives and cultures of health
- Share examples of best and promising practices of cultural competency aligned with the CLAS Standards
- Increase awareness of health equity challenges in tribal communities through the lens of health and cultural needs assessments

DATE: July 31, 2017

TIME: 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Mountain Time

Register Here: <https://tinyurl.com/ybtm3wak>

Complex Connections: Intimate Partner Violence and Women's Substance Abuse and Recovery

Tuesday, August 1, 2017, 2:00-3:30 P.M. EST

REGISTER HERE: <http://tinyurl.com/relationshipsmatter5>

Intimate partner violence (IPV) and women's substance abuse are often intertwined. Some women turn to substances to cope with the trauma of IPV, and others are coerced into using substances by an abusive partner. High rates of substance abuse among women seeking domestic violence (DV) services, along with high rates of IPV among women seeking substance abuse treatment, underscore the need for an integrated approach. However, DV programs are often unprepared to support women around substance abuse, just as behavioral health providers are often unprepared to identify and respond to IPV. This webinar focuses on ways behavioral health and DV service providers can work together to address the complex range of issues women face in trying to find safety, access recovery services, and heal from the trauma of IPV.

**Diagnosis, Prevention, and Treatment of Syphilis and HIV — A Healthy People 2020
Progress Review Webinar New!**

[Register Now](#) | August 1, 2017 | 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. ET

Join us on Tuesday, August 1 at 12:30 p.m. ET for a Progress Review webinar featuring 2 Healthy People 2020 topic areas:

- Sexually Transmitted Diseases
- HIV

You'll also learn how the Bureau of Infectious Diseases in the Louisiana Department of Health is addressing syphilis and HIV. You can find a complete list of presenters on the registration page.

**The Impact of Social and Cultural Values on Breastfeeding Practice and Strategies to
Address Disparities**

August 3, 2017, 8:30 - 10:30 am ET

For a full description of this program please visit our [website](#) or [informational flyer](#).

Handouts will be on our [website](#) the day before the program.

All of our programs are available [On Demand](#) 2 weeks after the live webcast.

[Click Here to Register](#)

**FIHET Equity in All Policies Webinar Series: Advancing Health Equity in Tribal
Communities through Public Health Accreditation**

You are invited to a webinar hosted by the Federal Interagency Health Equity Team

DATE AND TIME: August 24, 2017, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. EDT

Tribal communities bear a disproportionate burden of social, economic, and/or environmental disadvantage relative to other racially or ethnically defined population groups. Therefore, ensuring that all American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/ANs) achieve the highest level of

health possible will require broad-spectrum action that goes beyond addressing individual determinants and disease management to include action to address such disadvantages. This webinar will highlight the work that has been done at the national level as well as within a tribal community to advance health equity and improve health outcomes for AI/ANs. Presenters will: Provide a background on the landscape of public health in Indian Country; Discuss the findings of an environmental scan on the state of public health accreditation and health equity within tribal communities; and Share one tribe's approach to using public health accreditation activities to achieve health equity within its community.

Karrie Joseph, MPH, CHES, Public Health Programs Manager, NIHB, **Carrie Sampson** (Umatilla, WallaWalla, Cayuse), Assistant Administrator, Yellowhawk Tribal Health Center
Register [Here](#) Click [Here](#) for Full Abstract and Speaker Biographies.

Missouri

Invitation to Kansas City Regional Office 2017 CMS National Training Program

Workshops

Wednesday, August 9, 2017, 12:30PM – 5:00PM & Thursday, August 10, 2017 8:00AM – 4:30PM.

Location: Research Medical Center, 2316 East Meyer Boulevard, Kansas City, MO 64132

As always, there will be no charge to you for the training; however, CMS will not be able to provide food or drinks.

We will be providing materials electronically to attendees prior to the Workshop. Attendees will be responsible for bringing any hard copies of materials they would like, or have access to them electronically on their own personal device. Please make sure the email address in your registration is accurate. In addition, if you register for a Workshop and then later determine you are unable to attend please access Eventbrite and cancel your ticket so others can attend.

Those who register and do not attend may be waitlisted for future CMS events.

For additional information, please contact Lorelei Schieferdecker at

lorelei.schieferdecker@cms.hhs.gov by Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

Missouri Rural Health Conference: Registration is now open!

Please join The Missouri Rural Health Association, Missouri Hospital Association, Missouri Primary Care Association and Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, Office of Primary Care, as Collaborating Partners on August 15-17, 2017 at The Lodge at Old Kinderhook, Camdenton, Missouri for the 2017 Missouri Rural Health Conference. These organizations are combining forces to bring the most up-to-date information and trends to Missouri's rural health providers.

This year's conference focus continues with access to care to improve health outcomes of rural residents by bringing hospitals, FQHC's, physicians, clinicians, health departments, in-home and community front-line workers, community and social agencies, policy makers, CEO's, CFO's, transportation and ambulance professionals, together to learn, understand and build bridges to find solutions for breaking down barriers and increasing health access for all. Please click here to [register](#).

Grants 101 Workshop & VDC Grant Writing Training (August 22 - 25, Kansas City)

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), in partnership with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Minority Health (OMH) and the Kansas City Quality Improvement Consortium, are hosting a Grants 101 Workshop.

Date: Tuesday, August 22, 2017

Time: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

*Registration starts at 8:00 am. Lunch will not be provided.

Location: Kauffman Foundation Conference Center - 4801 Rockhill Rd, Kansas City, MO 64110

Audience: Community and Faith-based Organizations, Hospitals, Health Centers, Community Colleges, Public Health Departments, Tribes

Topics at a Glance:

- Grants 101: The Federal Grant Application Process
- Federal Funding Opportunities
- Technical Assistance and Resources
- Engaging and Collaborating with Foundations
- Common Mistakes and Important Tips

To register for this free workshop go to <https://kcgrants101workshop.eventbrite.com/>

The 2017 Neighborhood Urban Community Garden-Orchard Walk and Total Man CDC Annual Fall Festival will be Saturday, September 9, 2017.

Santa Fe, Key Coalition and Oak Park urban community gardeners promote this annual walk to bring awareness to community garden- orchard sites within our neighborhoods and to encourage residents, families, neighbors and others to use these sites as walking destinations. This annual walk offers a chance to inspire walking within the neighborhood as a healthy physical activity for all ages and to allow local residents an opportunity to obtain fresh grown produce.

We would welcome companies, or organizations help in publicizing this upcoming Urban Neighborhood Community Garden -Orchard Walk. We are also asking for donations to help with the cost of printing street signs that indicates miles and directions, cases of water,

PowerAde, Gatorade and /or snack bars for participating walkers.

Registered walkers will have a chance to visit and tour six-community gardens, four orchards and one aquaponic site. On-site registration for the Urban Neighborhood Community Garden - Orchard Walk will begin at 8:30 am and end at 9:30 am. Registered walkers can start walking at 9:00 am and end whenever they reach the Fall Festival location at 3100 East 31st Street.

If you have any questions, please contact me, at 816-377-9068 or email tonigat@swbell.net

Taking Action for a Healthier Missouri Now!

Presented by Missouri Public Health Association, Missouri Association of Local Public Health Agencies, Missouri Institute for Community Health, and Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services

Date: September 25 - 27, 2017

Where: Stoney Creek Inn, Columbia, MO

Information regarding registration can be found here: <http://www.mopha.org/viewevent.php?id=1226>

LEVERAGING SOCIAL MEDIA & DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS

Facilitated by: Jake Lowen and Sean Soendker Nicholson, GPS Impact

Kauffman Foundation Conference Center

September 29, 2017

8:30am – 11:30am

At this interactive workshop, learn how to strengthen your advocacy efforts by leveraging best practices for common social media platforms and organizational websites. We will review the most popular digital communication tool sets, discuss nonprofit sector benchmarks and identify

potential goals for your organization. Participants will receive a resource list and toolkit for integrating social media strategies into your advocacy efforts.

Registration Open for the 15th Annual Missouri Health Policy Summit, October 26-27, 2017

October 26-27, 2017 Hilton Garden Conference, Columbia, MO

How we produce and consume food has a bigger impact on American's well-being than any other human activity. The food industry is the largest sector of our economy and food touches everything from our health to the environment, climate change, economic inequality and the federal budget. The time is ripe to revisit our food system and identify ways to change our policies to improve health.

On another track, the New Administration and the 115th US Congress is planning and implementing changes in the priorities for national health policies.

This is a unique time in history to examine the intersection between these two policy arenas. This presents opportunities for wins in both policy arenas that assures access to healthful food, appropriate food marketing, chronic disease prevention, and reduced health care costs and premature deaths.

Summit Objectives:

Identify food and health policy intersections and opportunities for gains in both arenas to improve Missouri's economy and public health.

Examine the impact of local, state and federal food policy and environmental change on health, including

Local projects and programs with demonstrated success in Missouri; Private sector actions making a difference in public health; State-level policy initiatives; and The Farm Bill, federal food policy and public health. Review the major shifts in food and nutrition patterns and the impact these have had on Missouri's rates of preventable, chronic disease. Share the most current information on health reform in 2017 and implications for Missouri.

IOWA

3rd Annual LGBTQ Senior Summit

Registration is now open for our 3rd Annual LGBTQ Senior Summit! **This year's summit will be held on Saturday, August 5 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Grand View University Student Center.**

[Click here to register for the 3rd Annual LGBTQ Senior Summit!](#)

Formerly known as "Gay & Gray in the Midwest", this annual event provides workshops, speakers, and social opportunities to address the needs of older LGBTQ people in Iowa. While this event will focus on the needs of older LGBTQ Iowans, we welcome attendees of all ages. The issues discussed likely intersect with your life in some way regardless of age.

Act fast to take advantage of our early bird ticket pricing! All tickets purchased before Friday, July 14 are \$20, while those purchased after are \$30. Ticket prices include light breakfast and lunch. Sponsorship, advertisement, and tabling opportunities are also available.

Buy your ticket to the 3rd Annual LGBTQ Senior Summit now to take advantage of our early bird special!

2017 Mental Health Conference

October 3, 2017

Holiday Inn Airport

6111 Fleur Drive

Des Moines, IA 50321

The 2017 Mental Health Conference is designed for professionals, clinicians, administrators, educators, consumers, family members, advocates, and other providers.

Conference Audience and Objectives:

- Provide an educational opportunity to hear professionals and experts share the most recent trends and issues, treatment methods, and research relating to mental health, mental illness, and co-occurring disorders.
 - Provide a forum to stimulate discussion, exchange ideas, and strengthen the support and information network around the state.
 - Generate public interest in issues relating to mental health and co-occurring disorders.
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Iowa One Health Conference

The upcoming second annual 2017 Iowa One Health Conference will bring together a multidisciplinary cast of students and professionals in relevant fields to learn and discuss how the concept of One Health can help drive positive change in the health of

humans, animals, and the environment.

Planning for IOHC 2017 is currently underway. Stay tuned on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) for updates!

Event 2nd Annual 2017 Iowa One Health Conference
Date Saturday, October 14th, 2017
Time 9:00AM – 5:00 PM
Location University of Iowa College of Public Health Building
Cost TBD
2017 conference registration: to be announced.

For poster presenters, click [here](#).

For travel information, click [here](#).

To find out more about the Inaugural 2016 Iowa One Health Conference, click [here](#).

Nebraska

2017 Rural Health Conference

September 20 – 21, 2017

Younes Conference Center

Kearney, NE

Nebraska Rural Health Conference bring together residents of rural Nebraska communities, rural health professionals of all specialties representatives of state, local, and national governments, and the full range of private sector rural health

organizations.

For more information: <http://nebraskaruralhealth.org/events/2017>

Nebraska Public Health Association Conference

September 22, 2017

Embassy Suites in Lincoln, NE

Call for presentations and posters at <http://publichealthne.org/>

Kansas

REACH Foundation Hosts Summer Series on Immigrant Health

The REACH Foundation invites representatives from nonprofit organizations, governmental entities and others involved in immigrant and migrant worker health and social services to join us for a **Summer Series on Immigrant Health**. All programs are free and open to interested community members.

The REACH Healthcare Foundation will host a summer discussion series for nonprofit organization staff and trustees, and other interested groups to examine health and social service needs of immigrants and migrant workers in our region.

The series begins June 9 with a conversation about legal issues. The session will be facilitated by **Irene Caudillo**, president and CEO of El Centro, Inc., with presenters **Raymond Rico**, Garcia Immigration Law Firm, and **Suzanne Gladney** of the Migrant Farmworkers Assistance Fund. RSVP today: mathew@reachhealth.org

Fall 2017 Technical Assistance Cluster: Integrating Advocacy into Your Organization

Overview: Making advocacy part of your nonprofit organization's work does not necessarily mean hiring new staff! Melinda Lewis will work with teams to develop strategies for engaging leadership, staff, volunteers and clients as advocates and champions for their mission.

Meeting Schedule: Four (4) two-hour sessions; 9:00am – 11:00am

October 4, 17 and November 1, 2017

REACH Healthcare Foundation

6700 Antioch Rd # 200 Overland Park, KS 66204

November 14, 2017

Down Syndrome Guild of Greater Kansas City's Training Room

5960 Dearborn St, Ste 100 Mission, KS 66202

To apply for your organization to participate in the Fall 2017 Technical Assistance Cluster, [click here](#) for the application and brief assessment. Once completed, please submit your application and brief assessment to meganf@supportkc.org. Space is limited.

Deadline to apply is July 14, 2017.

Organizations will be notified on August 9, 2017 to confirm participation

Funding Opportunities

New FY 2017 Funding Opportunity Announcement

The Office of Minority Health (OMH) at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services administers cooperative agreement and grant programs to support projects that implement innovative models to improve minority health and reduce health disparities.

OMH has released a new competitive funding opportunity announcement (FOA) for which applications are now being accepted. Applications are due by August 1, 2017 at 5 PM ET.

Announcement Number: MP-CPI-17-004

Opportunity Title: Empower Communities for a Healthier Nation Initiative

Estimated Funding Level: \$5 million per one-year budget period, for a project period of three years

The Office of Minority Health (OMH) at the United States Department of Health and Human Services announces the availability of Fiscal Year 2017 cooperative agreement funds for the Empowered Communities for a Healthier Nation Initiative. The Empowered Communities for a Healthier Nation Initiative seeks to reduce significant health disparities impacting racial and ethnic minorities and/or disadvantaged populations through implementing evidence-based strategies with the greatest potential for impact.

The program is intended to serve residents in communities disproportionately impacted by the opioid epidemic; childhood/adolescent obesity; and serious mental illness.

[Learn more about this FOA and how to apply.](#)

Department of Health and Human Services
Centers for Disease Control - NCCDPHP

PPHF-2017-Building Public Health Infrastructure in Tribal Communities to Accelerate Disease Prevention and Health Promotion in Indian Country Synopsis 1
<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=295254>

Department of Justice

Office for Victims of Crime

OVC FY 17 Vision 21: Integrated Services for Victims Program: Increasing Access to Mental Health Services for Victims of Crime Synopsis 2
<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=295072>

Department of Health and Human Services

Centers for Disease Control - OSTLTS

Building Capacity of the Public Health System to Improve Population Health through National, Nonprofit Organizations, financed in part by 2017 Prevention and Public Health Funds Synopsis 5
<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=292861>

Department of Health and Human Services

Administration for Community Living

Diversity and Inclusion Training Action Plan Implementation Grant Synopsis 1
<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=292433>

Missouri Foundation For Health Grants

Our website currently features [a variety funding opportunities](#), but three are closing soon. **Apply before it's too late!**

Strengthening Public Health Infrastructure Through Innovation

Request for Applications

Organizations in our service region are invited to apply for funds to implement innovative projects aimed at strengthening public health infrastructure and supporting ideas that foster learning. We are seeking projects that are different or modified from what has been tried before, to transform the way public health services are delivered in Missouri. Reach out to us and we can work together to develop your idea!

The deadline to apply is August 14, 2017.

Opportunity Fund

We believe that the best strategies to address community health issues often come directly from our communities. This is the chance for visionary thinkers to tell us their best ideas with the hope of making them a reality. Start a conversation with us today!

This fund has a rolling deadline, so it's always a great time to apply!

Join our Board of Directors

Don't delay! The deadline to apply is Friday, August 11.

As a member of our Board you'd have the opportunity to be engaged in our very meaningful work as we strive to improve the health and well-being of individuals and communities most in need.

Members play an essential role in all of our efforts and serve as stewards of our financial assets. Now is your chance to be a part of our worthy cause!

LACTATION SUPPORT MINI-GRANT FOR BUSINESSES

The Missouri Breastfeeding Friendly Worksite Program is a state-wide initiative to increase employer support for breastfeeding mothers. The Missouri Department of Health and Senior

Services (DHSS) is offering up to \$500 to a limited number of Missouri employers to create or improve their lactation support policies and programs. For example, funds may be used on locks on doors, privacy screens/partitions, comfortable chair, table or other flat surface to hold a breast pump, or signs. To be eligible to receive a mini-grant, the employer must submit their breastfeeding support policy which must be in compliance with the breastfeeding support requirements from the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA). Applications can be found [here](#). To apply, please complete the application and budget, and submit by September 1 to marcia.davis@health.mo.gov. Please call 573-522-2820 with any questions.

NIH Grants - How to Apply Video Tutorials

New to the NIH grant process? Ever wish someone would explain and walk you through applying for NIH grants step by step? If so, the [new page](#) from NIH Office of Extramural Research may be just for you.

Linked from the How to Apply page, you will find [four new interactive tutorials](#) on the basics of preparing, writing, and submitting your application. Tutorials take between 4 to 11 minutes each to listen through, and you can easily jump ahead to chapters of interest, or navigate back to review something you've missed. These tutorials link to additional resources and transcripts.

Rural Health Opioid Program

Grant Opportunity from HHS Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

This announcement solicits applications for the Rural Health Opioid Program (RHOP). The purpose of RHOP is to promote rural health care services outreach by expanding the delivery of opioid related health care services to rural communities. The program will reduce the morbidity and mortality related to opioid overdoses in rural communities through the development of broad community consortiums to prepare individuals with opioid-use disorder (OUD) to start treatment, implement care coordination practices to organize patient care activities, The program supports three (3) years of funding. This program incorporates a range of objectives to respond

comprehensively to the opioid crisis within rural communities. For more information visit the [Rural Health Opioid Program Grant Opportunity](#).

Grant Opportunities provided by Norris Consulting

Visit the link for a listing of ongoing grant

opportunities: <http://www.norrisconsultinggroup.com/pages/news.htm>

Employment and Internship Opportunities

QDOBA

If anyone knows someone looking for a job in the Raymore/Belton area please let them know that Qdoba is now hiring for all shifts and positions. We are set to open in August, and located in the Walmart/Lowes shopping area. Starting pay is \$10 an hr. It's really simple to apply all you have to do is go to Qdoba.com/jobs and search for Raymore, MO.

SUMMIT CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

Summit Christian Academy (SCA) in Lee's Summit has a number of open positions for the 2017/2018 school year. If you have questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me at clewis@sca-kc.org or at [816-525-1480](tel:816-525-1480). Carol Lewis, Human Resources

Upper Level Math Teacher – Ideal candidates would have a master's degree in math or a

master's degree with 18 graduate level math hours in order to teach dual credit math classes. Candidates with a degree in math will also be considered.

Childcare Workers – Part-time positions with before and after school hours. A love of and concern for children is a must!

Maintenance Workers – Full and/or part-time cleaning positions.

Transportation Coordinator – Candidates must be highly organized, be computer literate, have attention to detail, and have their CDL with passenger endorsement or be willing to pursue it.

Bus Drivers – Candidates must have a CDL or be willing to secure a CDL. Drivers are needed for daytime field trip and evening athletic events.

All positions, with the exception of bus drivers, come with an SCA tuition discount. The teacher and support staff applications can be found on the [Summit Christian Academy Website](#) in the About SCA/Job Opportunities area. Questions can be directed to Carol Lewis at [816-525-1480](tel:816-525-1480) or at clewis@sca-kc.org.

OPENING- EDUCATION AND OUTREACH COORDINATOR- KANSAS CITY METRO AREA

The Education and Outreach Coordinator will be responsible for conducting educational programs and related activities designed to provide community members with comprehensive sexuality education and serve as a community resource on sexuality and reproductive health. The Education and Outreach Coordinator develops and maintains key community relationships and acts as a community liaison to schools, nonprofit agencies, community groups, religious organizations, volunteers, and donors.

To Apply:

<http://www.careersppgreatplains.org/missouri/2017/5/26/education-and-outreach-coordinator>

Submit your cover letter, resume and current salary or salary requirements to:

ppgp.hr@ppgreatplains.org

Job Posting at MOCSA

MOCSA is hiring a bilingual-Spanish Education and Outreach Specialist. Please share with your contacts and friends. More information found [here](#).

Vanessa Crawford Aragón |Community Prevention Coordinator

MOCSA| Metropolitan Organization to Counter Sexual Assault

3100 Broadway | Suite 400 | Kansas City, MO 64111 | 816.285.1333

MO Crisis Line: 816.531.0233 | KS Crisis Line: 913.642.0233

Resources and Publication

Self-Advocacy Resources for Youth with Disabilities

KASA (Kids As Self Advocates) is a national, grassroots project created by youth with disabilities for youth and is a project of [Family Voices](#). It is made up of teens and young adults with disabilities speaking out. KASA knows youth can make choices and advocate for themselves if they have the information and support they need. Their activities include:

- Representing the voice of youth living with disabilities and chronic health conditions by speaking to policy makers at public events and hearing

- Educating our communities, including students, teachers and administrators at our schools; medical students and physicians; and federally funded care and agencies and state programs
- Serving as advisors to the over 40,000 members of Family Voices across the country and organizations and agencies interested in promoting youth involvement and leadership

KASA provides personal stories, resources on a variety of topics, a forum, and information in Spanish.

Aging With Pride Website

The LGBT+ National Aging Research Center is dedicated to creating innovations to address the health, aging, and well-being of LGBTQ midlife and older adults and their families. This Center is built upon strong collaborations across the nation with LGBTQ older adults, their families and communities, and service providers as well as multidisciplinary experts from such diverse fields as Social Work, Medicine, Public Health, Sociology, Nursing, Psychology, Statistics, and Ethics. The Center projects illuminate innovation in the use of science to promote best practices in research, training, and resource and program development to promote equity and reduce social, economic and health disparities now and for generations to come. Learn more about the LGBT+ National Aging Research Center and its projects, research, and community partnerships.

Best Practices in Behavioral Health for Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Boys and Men

A new report from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) highlights existing programs that address behavioral health disparities among Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander boys and young men. It also outlines effective tools and best practices in working with this population. Included are strategies for practitioners, educators, and community leaders: 1) Integrate culturally-based strategies, 2) Address masculinity and gender roles, 3) Discuss coping strategies and promote help-seeking behaviors,

4) Acknowledge experiences of racism and microaggression, 5) Discuss immigration and generational issues, 6) Be knowledgeable of ethnicity-specific concerns and 7) Consider sexual orientation issues. Recommendations are also included for policy makers and funders. Download the [free report here](#).

Community Health Workers' Role in Addressing Infant Mortality

Although the Infant Mortality Rate in the United States is falling, it is still worse than its peer nations, according to the Centers for Disease Control. Several U.S. cities are implementing programs to try to address this problem, which is an indicator of the overall health of a community. Because it is so important to target resources and programs to the right populations who need them, community health workers are playing a key role. Community health workers are advocates from within the community who link people to the programs that can help them, and progress in health outcomes and healthy babies is resulting. Read more about the programs [here](#).

Web-based Toolkit to Advance Community Health Equity

This [customizable tool](#), from Urban Universities for Health, allows institutions to obtain a customized list of measures to assist in evaluation of efforts to enhance and expand a diverse, culturally sensitive, and prepared health and scientific workforce. It provides resources to help establish baseline measures to record progress, set and meet goals, and improve reporting. Toolkit resources include: an interactive web tool, the Metrics Generator, to select strategies, indicators, and measures that align with an institution's unique mission and local needs; a 1-page summary of Urban Universities for HEALTH workforce strategies; a complete list of strategies, indicators and measures included in the Metrics Generator; a detailed evidence base to support health and scientific workforce strategies; a glossary of key terms; example case studies from the Urban Universities for HEALTH demonstration sites to highlight best practices using the strategies and data in the toolkit; and sample institutional dashboards to demonstrate how data might be displayed.

Data On Health Disparities and Disabilities

In recognition of the July 26th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, the CMS Office of Minority Health has released two data highlights that examine the health of people with disabilities.

Currently, there is lack of information that describes people with disabilities who also have ESRD. Due to this gap in literature, it is important to describe and understand this unique and vulnerable population. Medicare Fee-For-Service Beneficiaries with Disabilities, by End Stage Renal Disease Status, 2014 examines Medicare beneficiaries who have a disability, with and without End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD).

Some of the findings include:

- Among the list of other chronic and disabling conditions, Peripheral Vascular Disease (PVD) and Pressure and Chronic Ulcers were significantly higher among Medicare beneficiaries with disabilities and ESRD (26.2% and 17.9%, respectively) compared to beneficiaries with disabilities and without ESRD (9.7% and 5.2%, respectively).
- Among hospitalized beneficiaries, Medicare beneficiaries with disabilities and ESRD had higher rates of 30-day hospital readmissions (33.8%) and were high utilizers (32.8%) compared to beneficiaries with disabilities and without ESRD (17.3% and 19.9%, respectively).

Does Disability Affect Receipt of Preventive Care Services among Older Medicare Beneficiaries? uses data from the 2013 Medicare Current Beneficiary Survey to examine differences in self-reported receipt of preventive care by type of disability for community-dwelling Medicare beneficiaries ages 65 and older.

Some of the findings include:

Among Medicare beneficiaries ages 65 and older, females reporting any type of disability were less likely to receive mammography screening compared to those reporting no disability.

Compared to beneficiaries reporting no disability, receipt of pneumococcal vaccination was

consistently higher among beneficiaries ages 65 and older reporting any type of disability. To access these data highlights, visit [here](#)

Participate in the Healthy People 2030 Planning Process!

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is soliciting written comments on the proposed framework for Healthy People 2030 developed by the [Secretary's Advisory Committee on National Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Objectives for 2030](#). The Healthy People 2030 framework refers to the Healthy People 2030 vision, mission, overarching goals, foundational principles, and plan of action. Public comment is an essential part of developing Healthy People. Members of the public — both individuals and organizations — are invited to [submit comments](#) on the proposed framework. The online public comment period is open through September 29, 2017.

Comments received during this public comment period will be carefully reviewed by HHS. You will be able to comment on individual components of the framework report. Comments should be clear and concise and be specific to the proposed concepts and language. For questions about public comments, please contact HP2030@hhs.gov.

AHRQ and Data from the Opioid Crisis

In the recent [AHRQ Views](#), researcher Anne Elixhauser discusses published statistics about the opioid crisis from newspapers and government databases such as AHRQ's. [Shining a Spotlight on the Opioid Crisis Through the Power of Data](#) covers how AHRQ's Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project (HCUP) database has information about hospitalizations and emergency room visits.

AHRQ also recently came out with the following report: [Patient Characteristics of Opioid-Related Inpatient Stays and Emergency Department Visits Nationally and by State, 2014](#). This document

breaks the statistics down by sex, states and age groups. It gives a very visual display of the opioid crisis.

LGBT Aging Cultural Competency Trainings

Cultural competency training is the foundation for all person-directed care, but it can be difficult to locate high-quality training content. The National Resource Center on LGBT Aging provides information regarding various training programs designed and facilitated by leaders in LGBT aging advocacy and cultural competency. Cultural competency training is available at all levels.

Up for World Hepatitis Day on July 28th

Hepatitis affects more than 400 million people worldwide and has led to more than 1.3 million deaths globally in 2015. In the United States, an estimated 4 million people are chronically infected and more than 21,000 people died of hepatitis B and hepatitis C-related causes in 2015. Driven by the opioid epidemic, we are losing ground in the fight against new viral hepatitis infections; progress on hepatitis B prevention has stalled and some states have seen increases; and new hepatitis C infections have increased almost 50% from 2010 to 2015.

On July 28th, [World Hepatitis Day](#), join the [World Hepatitis Alliance](#) and other international partners to raise awareness, expand testing, improve care & treatment, and make progress towards global viral hepatitis elimination. This year's theme is **Eliminate Hepatitis**, and a variety of resources are available to get involved and share information with our networks. Learn more and do more by:

- Downloading World Hepatitis Day [campaign materials](#) (available in multiple languages)

- Reading and sharing CDC's [Resources for World Hepatitis Day](#)

- Using the [National Viral Hepatitis Action Plan](#) to join U.S. efforts to put us on a path toward [#NOhep](#)

- Using the hashtags [#WorldHepatitisDay](#), [#ShowYourFace](#), and [#NOhep](#)

- Joining the [#ShowYourFace](#) [thunderclap](#)

- Finding World Hepatitis Day [events](#) near you, and submitting your own

Healthy People 2020 Health Disparities Data Widget

The Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (ODPHP) and the Office of Minority Health (OMH) are pleased to announce the release of a new [HealthyPeople.gov](#) data search function. The Health Disparities widget is a new way to access this health disparities information.

ew widget provides an easy way to find health disparities data related to the Healthy e 2020 objectives for the Leading Health Indicators (LHIs). LHIs are critical health ; that when addressed will help reduce the leading causes of death and preventable es.

sy to embed the widget on your site and give your stakeholders easy access to the available disparities data. Once you've added the widget, there's no technical enance required. The content will update automatically with the latest available data.

idget provides charts and graphs of disparities data at your fingertips. Use the widget wse data by:

Disparity type—including disability, education, income, location, race and ethnicity, and sex)

Leading Health Indicator

re, use and share the widget to help inform issues related to health equity.

ou hosting an event or want to inform people about your agency's program? If so, e forward information (including date, time, brief narrative, along with a contact n for inclusion within the weekly updates to Janet Greene (Janet.Greene@hhs.gov) rstellla Henley (Corstellla.Henley@hhs.gov) for review and consideration.

Upcoming Events and Trainings

Integrating Historic Food Ways into Current Healthcare Practices - IHS CE

Indian Health Service is hosting an online webinar, Integrating Historic Food Ways into nt Healthcare Practices on Wednesday, July 26th at 3pm EDT/2pm CDT/1pm

12pm PDT/11am AKDT. For more information and the link to join the session, visit [diabetes Online CME/CE Education webpage](#).

**1st - Mountain States RHEC's Native American Cultural Competency Webinar
s: Cultural Needs Assessments for Health for Providers Working with Tribal
nunities**

Mountain States Regional Health Equity Council (RHEC) aims to end health
ities in Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming. One
main priorities is to provide education and awareness of cultural and linguistic
 competency within the region. The RHEC is hosting a webinar training series on the history
 es and treaties, utilization of Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services
 ards (National CLAS Standards) and cultural sensitivity when working with tribal
 unities, and the impact of cultural needs assessments. Upon completion of this
 ar, the participants will be able to do the following from the specific tribal perspective:

- Describe the diversity of existing health care in Indian Country and explain the wide
and varying differences in tribal health perspectives and cultures of health

- Share examples of best and promising practices of cultural competency aligned
with the CLAS Standards

- Increase awareness of health equity challenges in tribal communities through the
lens of health and cultural needs assessments

: July 31, 2017

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Mountain Time

ter Here: <https://tinyurl.com/yb3m3wak>

**lex Connections: Intimate Partner Violence and Women's Substance Abuse
ecovery**

lay, August 1, 2017, 2:00-3:30 P.M. EST

STER HERE: <http://tinyurl.com/relationships5>

te partner violence (IPV) and women's substance abuse are often intertwined. Some

turn to substances to cope with the trauma of IPV, and others are coerced into substances by an abusive partner. High rates of substance abuse among women using domestic violence (DV) services, along with high rates of IPV among women using substance abuse treatment, underscore the need for an integrated approach. However, DV programs are often unprepared to support women around substance abuse, just as behavioral health providers are often unprepared to identify and respond to IPV. This webinar focuses on ways behavioral health and DV service providers work together to address the complex range of issues women face in trying to find employment, access recovery services, and heal from the trauma of IPV.

Diagnosis, Prevention, and Treatment of Syphilis and HIV — A Healthy People 2020 Progress Review Webinar New!

Register Now | August 1, 2017 | 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. ET

Join us on Tuesday, August 1 at 12:30 p.m. ET for a Progress Review webinar featuring 20 Healthy People 2020 topic areas:

Sexually Transmitted Diseases

HIV

You will also learn how the Bureau of Infectious Diseases in the Louisiana Department of Health is addressing syphilis and HIV. You can find a complete list of presenters on the [Registration](#) page.

Register today!

Impact of Social and Cultural Values on Breastfeeding Practice and Strategies to Address Disparities

August 3, 2017, 8:30 - 10:30 am ET

For a full description of this program please visit our [website](#) or [informational flyer](#).

Presentations will be on our [website](#) the day before the program.

Our programs are available [On Demand](#) 2 weeks after the live webcast.

[Click here to Register](#)

2017 AHSR Conference will be in Madison, Wisconsin

: Oct. 18-20, 2017

Dr. Randall Brown and colleagues from the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Medicine and Public Health

contact: DFMCHAHSR2017@fammed.wisc.edu

website: fammed.wisc.edu/ahsr2017

Registration is now open »

Bird (until 7/31) = \$475

Star (after 7/31) = \$600

Student (undergrad, grad, medical students only – please no residents, fellows or post-docs) = \$375

Location: Monona Terrace, a meeting space designed by Frank Lloyd Wright

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Madison, WI 53703

Booking: Hilton Madison Monona Terrace

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Missouri

Missouri Rural Health Conference: Registration is now open!

We join The Missouri Rural Health Association, Missouri Hospital Association, Missouri Primary Care Association and Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, Office of Primary Care, as Collaborating Partners on August 15-17, 2017 at The Lodge at Old Orchard, Camdenton, Missouri for the 2017 Missouri Rural Health Conference. These organizations are combining forces to bring the most up-to-date information and trends to Missouri's rural health providers.

ear's conference focus continues with access to care to improve health outcomes of residents by bringing hospitals, FQHC's, physicians, clinicians, health departments, and community front-line workers, community and social agencies, policy makers, CFO's, transportation and ambulance professionals, together to learn, understand and build bridges to find solutions for breaking down barriers and increasing health access. Please click here to [register](#).

Grants 101 Workshop & VDC Grant Writing Training (August 22 - 25, Kansas City)

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), in partnership with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Minority Health (OMH) and the Kansas City Quality Improvement Consortium, are hosting a Grants 101 Workshop.

Tuesday, August 22, 2017

9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Registration starts at 8:00 am. Lunch will not be provided.

Location: Kauffman Foundation Conference Center - 4801 Rockhill Rd, Kansas City, MO

Target Audience: Community and Faith-based Organizations, Hospitals, Health Centers, Community Colleges, Public Health Departments, Tribes

Topics at a Glance:

- Grants 101: The Federal Grant Application Process
- Other Funding Opportunities
- Technical Assistance and Resources
- Engaging and Collaborating with Foundations
- Common Mistakes and Important Tips

register for this free workshop go to <https://kcgrants101workshop.eventbrite.com/>

**2017 Neighborhood Urban Community Garden-Orchard Walk and Total Man
Annual Fall Festival will be Saturday, September 9, 2017.**

Fe, Key Coalition and Oak Park urban community gardeners promote this annual
to bring awareness to community garden- orchard sites within our neighborhoods and
encourage residents, families, neighbors and others to use these sites as walking
locations. This annual walk offers a chance to inspire walking within the neighborhood
healthy physical activity for all ages and to allow local residents an opportunity to
fresh grown produce.

would welcome companies, or organizations help in publicizing this upcoming Urban
Neighborhood Community Garden -Orchard Walk. We are also asking for donations to
with the cost of printing street signs that indicates miles and directions, cases of
PowerAde, Gatorade and /or snack bars for participating walkers.

Interested walkers will have a chance to visit and tour six-community gardens, four
yards and one aquaponic site. On-site registration for the Urban Neighborhood
Community Garden -Orchard Walk will begin at 8:30 am and end at 9:30 am. Registered
walkers can start walking at 9:00 am and end whenever they reach the Fall Festival
located at 3100 East 31st Street.

If you have any questions, please contact me, at 816-377-9068 or email
stacy@swbell.net

ORGANIZING SOCIAL MEDIA & DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS

Organized by: Jake Lowen and Sean Soendker Nicholson, GPS Impact

nan Foundation Conference Center

mber 29, 2017

n – 11:30am

Interactive workshop, learn how to strengthen your advocacy efforts by leveraging practices for common social media platforms and organizational websites. We will / the most popular digital communication tool sets, discuss nonprofit sector marks and identify potential goals for your organization. Participants will receive a ce list and toolkit for integrating social media strategies into your advocacy efforts.

Annual LGBTQ Senior Summit

Registration is now open for our 3rd Annual LGBTQ Senior Summit! **This year's nit will be held on Saturday, August 5 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the d View University Student Center.**

Mental Health Conference

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2017 Mental Health Conference is designed for professionals, clinicians, istrators, educators, consumers, family members, advocates, and other providers.
rence Audience and Objectives:

Provide an educational opportunity to hear professionals and experts share the most recent trends and issues, treatment methods, and research relating to mental

health, mental illness, and co-occurring disorders.

Provide a forum to stimulate discussion, exchange ideas, and strengthen the support and information network around the state.

Generate public interest in issues relating to mental health and co-occurring disorders.

One Health Conference

The upcoming second annual 2017 Iowa One Health Conference will bring together a multidisciplinary cast of students and professionals in relevant fields to learn and discuss how the concept of One Health can help drive positive change in the health of humans, animals, and the environment.

Registration for IOHC 2017 is currently underway. Stay tuned on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) for updates!

2nd Annual 2017 Iowa One Health Conference

Saturday, October 14th, 2017

9:00AM – 5:00 PM

Location: University of Iowa College of Public Health Building

TBD

conference registration: to be announced.

To register as a poster presenter, click [here](#).

For general information, click [here](#).

Find out more about the Inaugural 2016 Iowa One Health Conference, click [here](#).

Nebraska

Rural Health Conference

September 20 – 21, 2017

Omaha Convention Center

Omaha, NE

The Nebraska Rural Health Conference bring together residents of rural Nebraska communities, rural health professionals of all specialties representatives of state, federal, and national governments, and the full range of private sector rural health organizations.

For more information: nebraskaruralhealth.org

Nebraska Public Health Association Conference

September 22, 2017

Omaha Marriott Suites in Lincoln, NE

For presentations and posters at publichealthne.org

Missouri

2017 Technical Assistance Cluster: Integrating Advocacy into Your Organization

Overview: Making advocacy part of your nonprofit organization's work does not necessarily mean hiring new staff! Melinda Lewis will work with teams to develop strategies for training leadership, staff, volunteers and clients as advocates and champions for their

on.

ing Schedule: Four (4) two-hour sessions; 9:00am – 11:00am

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ply for your organization to participate in the Fall 2017 Technical Assistance

er, [click here](#) for the application and brief assessment. Once completed,

e submit your application and brief assessment to meganf@supportkc.org. Space is

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ine to apply is July 14, 2017.

izations will be notified on August 9, 2017 to confirm participation

nding Opportunities

FY 2017 Funding Opportunity Announcement

Office of Minority Health (OMH) at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services administers cooperative agreement and grant programs to support projects that implement innovative models to improve minority health and reduce health disparities.

has released a new competitive funding opportunity announcement (FOA) for which applications are now being accepted. Applications are due by August 1, 2017 at 5 PM ET.

Announcement Number: MP-CPI-17-004

Opportunity Title: Empowered Communities for a Healthier Nation Initiative

Estimated Funding Level: \$5 million per one-year budget period, for a project period of 1-5 years

Office of Minority Health (OMH) at the United States Department of Health and Human Services announces the availability of Fiscal Year 2017 cooperative agreement funds for the Empowered Communities for a Healthier Nation Initiative. The Empowered Communities for a Healthier Nation Initiative seeks to reduce significant health disparities affecting racial and ethnic minorities and/or disadvantaged populations through implementing evidence-based strategies with the greatest potential for impact.

The program is intended to serve residents in communities disproportionately impacted by HIV/AIDS epidemic; childhood/adolescent obesity; and serious mental illness.

[Learn more about this FOA and how to apply.](#)

Department of Health and Human Services

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - NCCDPHP

FY-2017-Building Public Health Infrastructure in Tribal Communities to

Strengthen Disease Prevention and Health Promotion in Indian Country Synopsis 1

www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=295254

Department of Justice

Office for Victims of Crime

FY 17 Vision 21: Integrated Services for Victims Program: Increasing Access
to Mental Health Services for Victims of Crime Synopsis 2

www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=295072

Department of Health and Human Services

Centers for Disease Control - OSTLTS

Increasing Capacity of the Public Health System to Improve Population Health
through National, Nonprofit Organizations, financed in part by 2017 Prevention and
Control Health Funds Synopsis 5

www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=292861

Department of Health and Human Services

Administration for Community Living

Disability and Inclusion Training Action Plan Implementation Grant Synopsis 1

www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=292433

ATTENTION SUPPORT MINI-GRANT FOR BUSINESSES

Missouri Breastfeeding Friendly Worksite Program is a state-wide initiative to increase
employer support for breastfeeding mothers. The Missouri Department of Health and
Senior Services (DHSS) is offering up to \$500 to a limited number of Missouri employers to
develop or improve their lactation support policies and programs. For example, funds may
be used on locks on doors, privacy screens/partitions, comfortable chair, table or other flat
surface to hold a breast pump, or signs. To be eligible to receive a mini-grant, the
employer must submit their breastfeeding support policy which must be in compliance with
breastfeeding support requirements from the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA).
Applications can be found [here](#). To apply, please complete the application and budget, and

t by September 1 to marcia.davis@health.mo.gov. Please call 573-522-2820 with questions.

Grants - How to Apply Video Tutorials

Do the NIH grant process? Ever wish someone would explain and walk you through the NIH grants step by step? If so, the [new page](#) from NIH Office of Extramural Research may be just for you.

From the How to Apply page, you will find [four new interactive tutorials](#) on the basics of preparing, writing, and submitting your application. Tutorials take between 4 to 11 minutes each to listen through, and you can easily jump ahead to chapters of interest, or come back to review something you've missed. These tutorials link to additional resources and transcripts.

Health Opioid Program

Opportunity from HHS Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

Announcement solicits applications for the Rural Health Opioid Program (RHOP). The purpose of RHOP is to promote rural health care services outreach by expanding the delivery of opioid related health care services to rural communities. The program will reduce the morbidity and mortality related to opioid overdoses in rural communities through development of broad community consortiums to prepare individuals with opioid-use disorder (OUD) to start treatment, implement care coordination practices to organize treatment care activities, The program supports three (3) years of funding. This program articulates a range of objectives to respond comprehensively to the opioid crisis within rural communities. For more information visit the [Rural Health Opioid Program Grant Opportunity](#).

Opportunities provided by Norris Consulting

he link for a listing of ongoing grant

tunities: <http://www.norrisconsultinggroup.com/pages/news.htm>

Employment and Internship Opportunities

Resources and Publication

Comment on Draft Research Plan: Screening for Hepatitis B Virus Infection in Pregnant Women

U.S. Preventive Services Task Force posted today a draft research plan on screening for hepatitis B virus infection in pregnant women. The draft research plan is available for review and public comment from July 13, 2017 through August 9, 2017. To view the draft research plan and submit comments, go to www.uspreventiveservicestaskforce.org/Page/Name/us-preventive-services-task-force-opportunities-for-public-comment.

Participate in the Healthy People 2030 Planning Process!

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is soliciting written comments on the proposed framework for Healthy People 2030 developed by the Secretary's Advisory Committee on National Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Objectives for 2030. The Healthy People 2030 framework refers to the Healthy People 2030 vision, mission, overarching goals, foundational principles, and implementation action. Public comment is an essential part of developing Healthy People. Members of the public — both individuals and organizations — are invited to submit comments on the proposed framework. The online public comment period is open through September 29, 2017.

Comments received during this public comment period will be carefully reviewed by HHS. You will be able to comment on individual components of the framework report. Comments should be clear and concise and be specific to the proposed concepts and language. For questions about public comments, please contact HP2030@hhs.gov.

Insights and Data from the Opioid Crisis

In a recent [AHRQ Views](#), researcher Anne Elixhauser discusses published statistics about the opioid crisis from newspapers and government databases such as AHRQ's [Drug Use and Abuse](#). A new Spotlight on the Opioid Crisis Through the Power of Data covers how AHRQ's Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project (HCUP) database has information about

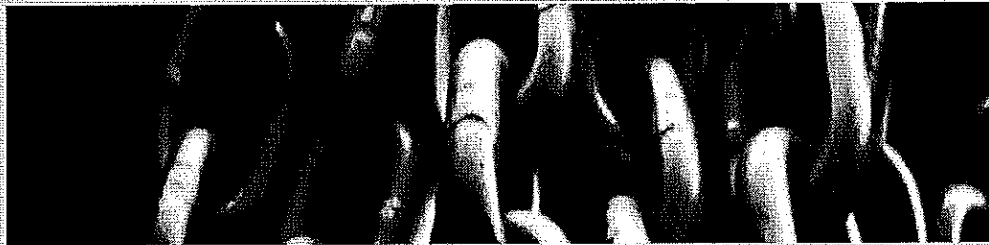
alizations and emergency room visits.

It also recently came out with the following report: Patient Characteristics of Opioid-Related Inpatient Stays and Emergency Department Visits Nationally and by State, 2012-2014. This document breaks the statistics down by sex, states and age groups. It includes a very visual display of the opioid crisis.

Aging Cultural Competency Trainings

Cultural competency training is the foundation for all person-directed care, but it can be difficult to locate high-quality training content. The National Resource Center on LGBT Aging provides information regarding various training programs designed and facilitated for providers in LGBT aging advocacy and cultural competency. Cultural competency training is available at all levels.

Northeast Ohio Black Health Coalition
Presents:



**State of Mental Health Disparities
in the African American
Community Conference**

The Case for Correcting Cultural Trauma



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WORKSHOP SPEAKERS

**Research and Reduce Mental Health Disparities in
the African American Community, at
August Conference**

Cleveland made national headlines in April, when Steve Stephens randomly murdered Robert Godwin and posted video of the act to Facebook. When Stephens took his own life, at the end of a widely publicized two-day manhunt, that was the end of the story for many.

For mental health professionals, however, the story doesn't end there and certainly didn't begin just two days earlier. According to specialists, a long build-up frequently precedes seemingly sudden outbursts of violence. Yet America's mental health system fails minorities, including African Americans like Stephens, more often than the population as a whole.

Health professionals have recognized this disparity for years, and identified various factors at work. Yvonne Hall of Cleveland hopes to facilitate bringing these strands of research together to produce practical solutions.

The Northeast Ohio Black Health Coalition, which Hall leads, is presenting the "State of Mental Health Disparities in the African American Community Conference: The Case for Correcting

Plenary Panel Presenters

Creating a Well Rounded Approach to Address African American Mental Health Starts with Community Organizations



Cheryl A. Boyce,
MS
Ohio Federation
for Health Equity
and Social
Justice

Cultural Trauma" in August. "We saw the need for a comprehensive approach to the issues impacting the community as a whole," says Hall.

Both trauma and cultural competency are among the factors which experts see disadvantaging the African American community. The University of Connecticut's Center for Mental Health Disparities says that "many ethnoracial minorities experience cumulative experiences of racism as traumatic, with perhaps a minor event acting as 'the last straw' in triggering trauma reactions." Yet many clinicians overlook the cumulative effect of ongoing racial discrimination, they add.

In combination with other cultural blind spots, systemic barriers including cost have held back effective mental health care for minority communities, according to the American Psychological Association.

Hall says that the August conference will be an opportunity not only to catch up on these issues, but to do real work developing better responses. "The conference will examine the state of mental health disparities through historical documentation, systems exploration and personal testimonies," she says.

"This conference is a unique blend of the issues but also includes solutions," too, says Hall. A range of expert panelists will join attendees in breakout sessions, to explore policy responses



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**Yvonka Marie
Hall, MPA
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for every level, from local communities up to state and national programs.

Nationally recognized award-winning author Julius Bailey, Ph.D., will be part of the conference. Its line-up also includes Ohio state Senator Charleta B. Taveres, and the chair of Case Western Reserve University's Bolton School of Nursing, Faye A. Gary, Ed.D, RN, FAAN. A community organizations panel discussion will feature the NAACP and groups from around the country.

The State of Mental Health Disparities in the African American Community Conference begins at noon on Friday, August 18, and continues on August 19 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The conference will take place at Doubletree by Hilton, 3663 Park East Drive in Beachwood. (To book accommodation at a conference rate, guests may call 216-464-5950.)

Conference registration is \$100, which includes breakfast, lunch and program materials. Professional CEUs are also available in several fields. Guests can register online at mentalhealthdisparitiesconference.eventbrite.com or by mail; checks should be made to NEO Black Health Coalition, PO Box 221442, Beachwood, OH 44122.

For more information, call 216-295-0283 or visit neoblackhealthcoalition.org.

About Northeast Ohio Black Health Coalition



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**Patricia Taylor
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RN, GCNPM
Black
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of Wisconsin**

**Breakout
Session Presenters**

NEO Black Health Coalition's vision is to achieve health parity (equality) in the African American/Black population

NEOBHC's mission is to address disparities and inequities in education, employment housing, health and the impact on African American health disparities by working to empower, educate and advocate for under-served populations.

About Yvonka Hall

Yvonka Marie Hall is the Executive Director of the Northeast Ohio Black Health Coalition. She is a nationally recognized health disparities expert and serves as an advisor to numerous organizations.

The 1974 murder of her mother dramatically changed her life; her childhood promise to use her life to help others has lead to the creation of cutting edge programs and impacted thousands of people's lives. After the murders of her mother Yvonne, younger brother Antoine and best friend Tracey, she dedicated her life to working for the disenfranchised.

She served as Director of the Cleveland Office of Minority Health and the Northeast Ohio Director of Cultural Health Initiatives for the American Heart Association. She is a graduate of Texas Southern University and Notre Dame College of Ohio. She has the distinguished honor of being a Robert Wood Johnson Fellow.

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**William E. Ajay,
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Licensed Clinical
Psychologist
Louis Stokes
Cleveland
Veterans Affairs
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**Coming Home:
PTSD and
African American
Veteran's**



**Iris Bailey
President and
Clinical
Supervisor**

According to the U.S. HHS on Minority Health:

African American adults are more likely to have feelings of sadness, hopelessness and worthlessness than adult whites.

African Americans living below poverty are three times more likely to report serious psychological distress than those living above poverty.

African American teenagers are more likely to attempt suicide than are white teenagers.

**Let's change the conversation and end
the stigma around mental health
among
African Americans!**

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**Our Kids Matter:
A Mental Health
Roadmap for
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Dads &
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